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## **U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO HOLD SECOND ANNUAL PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA, PA**

WASHINGTON, D.C.- The U.S. Department of Justice will host the 2003 National Project Safe Neighborhoods Conference in Philadelphia, PA from January 30 – February 1. The second annual conference will focus on reducing gun crimes and will host representatives from the Justice Department, U.S. Attorneys Offices, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National District Attorneys' Association, and Project Safe Neighborhoods Teams from across the country.

Attorney General John Ashcroft will deliver the luncheon address **Thursday, January 30, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. EST in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel**, and will have a media availability with ATF Director Bradley Buckles following his speech at 1:30 p.m. EST in Room 501 of the Marriott. Five sessions of the conference will be open to television and print media. President George W. Bush (invited) will address the audience through a video-message prior to the Conference Awards Ceremony on Friday, January 31 at 11:30 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

**LOCATION:** Philadelphia Marriott  
1201 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107  
Phone: (800) 228-9290 or (215) 625-2900 Fax: (215) 625-6097  
[www.philadelphiamarriott.com](http://www.philadelphiamarriott.com)

### **MEDIA LOGISTICS:**

- **Upon arrival, media should register in Room 501 of the Marriott.** Media can obtain information about the press events and general information on the conference in Room 501 from Thursday, January 30 until Saturday, February 1.
- **Media should arrive an hour before the scheduled public event (with ID and press credentials) due to security procedures on-site.**
- There will be reserved seating for the media. Television media may shoot from a side riser (70 ft. from stage) or a riser in the center back of the room (120 ft. from stage) and multiboxes will be at each location.
- Media with inquiries about the Project Safe Neighborhoods Program should contact Monica Goodling at (202) 305-5875 or Drew Wade at (202) 353-5621, both with the Justice Department's Public Affairs Office.

- Media with inquiries about conference press events should contact Josie Duckett with the Justice Department's Public Affairs Office at (202) 305-5623.

## **SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC EVENTS:**

**General Session I**                      Opening Session  
Date and time:                      Thursday, January 30, 2003 -- 8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. EST  
Location:                              Grand Ballroom  
Master of Ceremonies:              Guy A. Lewis, Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys  
Speakers:                              -Larry D. Thompson, Deputy Attorney General of the United States  
   -Patrick Meehan, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Pennsylvania

**General Session II**                      Luncheon  
Date and time:                      Thursday, January 30, 2003 -- 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. EST  
Location:                              Grand Ballroom  
Master of Ceremonies:              Larry D. Thompson, Deputy Attorney General of the United States  
Keynote speaker:                      **Attorney General John Ashcroft**  
Speakers:                              - Joseph Samuels, President, International Association of Chiefs of Police  
   - Dan Alsobrooks, President, National District Attorneys' Association

*Following his luncheon speech, Attorney General John Ashcroft will have a Press Availability with ATF Director Bradley Buckles at 1:30 p.m. EST in Room 501 of the Marriott.*

**General Session III**                      PSN National Mass Media Campaign Preview  
Date and time:                      Thursday, January 30, 2003 -- 4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m. EST  
Location:                              Grand Ballroom  
Speaker:                              John A. Calhoun, President and CEO, National Crime Prevention Council

**General Session IV**                      General Session  
Date and time:                      Friday, January 31, 2003 -- 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. EST  
Location:                              Grand Ballroom  
Master of Ceremonies:              Paul McNulty, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia  
Keynote speaker:                      Bradley Buckles, Director  
   Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives  
Other speakers:                      - Deborah J. Daniels, Assistant Attorney General,  
   Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice  
   - Richard Nedlekoff, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance,  
   Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

**General Session V**                      **Video Message from President George W. Bush  
and National PSN Awards Ceremony**  
Date and time:                      Friday, January 31, 2003 -- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. EST  
Location:                              Grand Ballroom

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